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1. VIEW PARA FOUR REFTEL, I ASKED FONMIN U/S FADL OBEID DEC 8 RE DAR MEETING. OBEID CONFIRMED GOS HAD BEEN REPRESENTED, BY MINPUBLIC SERVICES-BDEL RAHMAN ABDALLA. NOTING I WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, I THEN INQUIRED WKETHER CO MUNI-QUE ACCURATELY REFLECTS GOS VIEW. CONTRARY TO ASSERTIONS THEREIN, USG DOES NOT RPT MT RENDER ASSITANCE TO MINORITY RULED STATES SOUTHER AFRICA. WE HAVE NORMAL TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS APPROPRIATE. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD RHODESIAN REGIME AND APARTHEID SYSTEM SOUTH AFRICA WELL KNOWN. IN FACT, USG DOES NOT EVEN PERMIT ITS PUBLIC VESSELS CALL AT SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, COMMUNIQUE'S REFERENCE POSSIBLE ECON SANCTIONS AGAINST US SEEMED PARTICULARLY WIDE OF MARK.

2. OBEID SAID THERE WERE TWO QUESTIONS: WHAT CONFERENCE HAD SAID AND WHAT MIGHT BE DONE. I COULD HARDLY EXPECT HIM TO DENY THAT COMMUNIQUE REPRESENTS GSVIEW, IN LIGHT SUDAN CABINET MINISTER'S ASSOCIATION THEREWITH. ON OTHER HAND, HE DID NOT EXPECT IT WOULD RESULT IN ACTION. HE THEREFORE WONDERED WHAT WAS BASIS OUR CONCERN. NOTING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL REQUIRED ALL USG ASSISTANCE UNDER-DEVELOPED WORLD, I SAID COMMUNIQUE WOULD HARDLY MAKE EASIER PATH THOFC TRYING BROADEN THESE USG TIES WITH AFRICA. MOREOVER, LANGUAGE IN COMMUNIQUE WAS TENDENTIOUS AND MISLEADING. AND ANY BOYCOTT ACTION WOULD HURT AFRICANS MORE THAN US VIEW RELATIVE SIGNIFICANE EACH'S TRADE WITH OTHER. I THEN READ FIGURES PARA THREE (E) REFTEL.

3. CLAMING SUDAN'S EXPORTS US (GUM ARABIC) COULD ALWAYS BE MARKETING ELSEWHERE, OBEID COUNTERED THAT IF WE REALLY NOT "ADIDING" MINORITY STATES THEN WE NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT COMMUNIQUE APPLYING TO USG. HOWEVER, HE CITED TRADE AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES AS FORMS "AID", ASSERTING USG COULD TERMINATE THIS ACTIVITY IF WE WISHED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOLD OBEID USG POWERS THIS FIELD STRICTLY LIMITED AND THAT MANY SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS REGARDED ACTIVITIES OUR PRIVATE FIRMS AS HELPFUL IN GRADUALLY ERODING APARTHEID POLICIES. I ASKED THAT OBEID TAKE NOTE I WAS MAKING CONSIDERED DEMARKBE ON INSTRUCTIONS. OBEID SAID HE WOULD DO SO AND WOULD INFORM "HIGHER AUTHORITY".

4. COMMENT: WHILE HARD SEE WHAT HELPFUL ACTION GOS

COULD BE EXPECTED TAKE WITH RESPECT LANGUAGE ALREADY
PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE, WE HAVE AT LEAST MADE OUR PYNT
FOR FUTURE. AT SAME TIME, RECENT EXIM TURN-DOWNS,
DELIBERATE PACE IMPLEMENTATION RAHAD PROJECT AND SILENCE
ON PL 480 HAVE CAUSED CRITICISM IN OOVY CIRCLES HERE AS
TO ACTUAL EXTEND USG AID. OBEID HIMSELF MADE THIS POINT
TO WHICH I REPLIED: (A) POSITIVE USG ACTIONS RE ASSISTANCE
BY NO MEANS INCONSIDERABLE; AND (B) HIS ASSERTION THAT
ALLEGED "SLOW-DOWN" USG HELP MIGHT BE POLITICALLY
MOTIVATED WAS BALONEY. I AM SEEKING APPOINTMENT
WITH MIN/NATLECON/FIN (WHO SOURCE MUCH THIS HEART-
BURN) TO REVIEW RECORD WITH HIM. BREWER

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